State	Area (Lakh ha.)
Andhra Pradesh	2.50
Assam	0.10
Karnataka	2.50
Kerala.....	0.05
Maharashtra	010
Orissa	010
Tamil Nadu	0.25
Tripura	005
West Bengal	010
TOTAL :	5.75

It has been proposed to undertake an area expansion programme for oil palm cultivation over 80,000 ha. during Eighth Plan Period.

(c) The experience gathered in the Oil Palm Demonstration Projects (OPDPs) in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Maharashtra launched by the Department of Bio-technology includes activities such as irrigation, inter-cropping, agro-climatic suitability, introduction of pollinators, etc. These OPDPs will eventually help in under-standing the cost-benefit factor for the farming communtiy.

तिलहन उत्पादन कार्यक्रम

2539. **श्री कैलाश नारायण सारंग :** क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि विभिन्न राज्य सरकारें, केन्द्रीय सरकार के सहयोग से तिलहन उत्पादन कार्यक्रम को कार्यान्वित कर रही हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो ऐसे राज्यों को समय पर अपेक्षित किस्म के बीज उपलब्ध कराये जाने को सुनिश्चित करने के लिए केन्द्र सरकार ने क्या-क्या व्यवस्थाएं की हैं ; और

(ग) क्या सरकार किसी ऐसे प्रस्ताव पर विचार करेगी कि विभिन्न राज्यों से बीज प्राप्त करने और उसे सभी राज्यों को समय पर उनकी अपनी-अपनी आवश्यकता के अनुसार प्रदान किया जाये ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मुल्लापल्ली रामचंद्रन) : जी, हां।

(ख) और (ग) केन्द्रीय प्रायोजित तिलहन उत्पादन कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत राज-सहायता प्राप्त दरों पर बीज मिनिकिटों के वितरण और प्रमाणित/अच्छी क्वालिटी के बीजों की सप्लाई के कार्यक्रम आरम्भ किए गये हैं। बीजों की सप्लाई और वितरण कार्य की व्यवस्था केन्द्रीय स्तर पर भारतीय कृषि अनुसंधान परिषद्, राष्ट्रीय बीज निगम, भारतीय राज्य फार्म निगम तथा राज्य स्तर पर राज्य बीज निगमों, कृषि विभागों और कृषि विश्वविद्यालयों जैसी विभिन्न एजेन्सियों के माध्यम से की जाती है। वैसे, केन्द्रीय स्तर पर बीज एकत्र करके राज्य सरकारों को उनका वितरण करने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

Rice allocation to Kerala

@2540. SHRI M. A. BABY; Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently received any representation

@Previously Unstarred Question 1197, transferred from the 5th March, 1992.

from the Government of Kerala to increase the rice allocation;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon; and

(c) the rice allotted to Kerala during the last six months and the quantity lifted by the State during that period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) In response to the State Government's request, the allocation of rice from the Central Pool for the Public Distribution System to Kerala in December, 91 which was reduced to 1.35 lakh tonnes was restored to 1.50 lakh tonnes in December, '91 itself and the allocation has been maintained at this level in the subsequent months.

(c) The required information is given below :—

('000 tonnes)

Month	Allotment	Offtake
September, 91 .	150.0	135.6
October, 91	150.0	146.6
November, 91 .	150.0	155.7
December, 91 .	150.0	149.5
January, 92	150.0	146.0
Ferbuary, 92 .	150.0	N.A.*

*N.A.—Not Yet Available.

Stock of Wheat with Government

@ @2541. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister, of FOOD be pleased to state;

(a) the present stock of wheat With Government;

(b) the stock of wheat last year on the same date;

(c) whether Government are planning to import one million tonnes of wheat; and

(d) whether Government are also allowing export of one million tonnes of wheat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) The estimated stocks of wheat in the Central Pool were 42.04 lakh tonnes as on 1st February, 1992 as against 80.72 lakh tonnes as on 1st February, 1991.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) It was decided in January, 1992 that no further exports of wheat may be undertaken beyond the firm contractual obligations already entered into by the State Trading Corporation and M.E.T.C.

Procurement of Paddy and Rice

@@@2542. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the relaxations allowed in regard to procurement of paddy and

@@@ @Previously Unstarrted question 1208, transferred from the 5th March, 1992.

@@@Previously Unstarred Question 1207, transferred from the 5th March 1992.